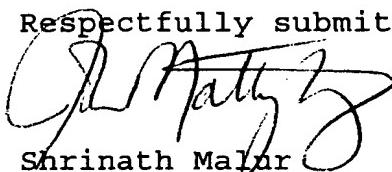


REMARKS

Claim 1 has been canceled. New claims 9-15 have been added. Accordingly, claims 9-15 are currently pending in the application.

Examination is respectfully requested.

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